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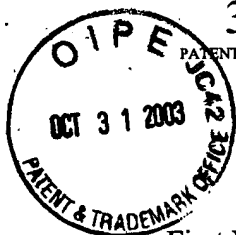
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Introduction

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated September 16, 2003, wherein claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Sawatsky (U.S. Patent No. 6,346,315); claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Sawatsky; and claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 11-13, 15, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Casalini (CA Pub. 2,315,728). Previous rejections of claims 5, 11, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, and objections to claims 6, 12, and 16 were withdrawn. The Examiner deemed claims 4, 8, 10, 14, and 17 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.